



SamTrans Board of Directors  
Meeting of September 3, 2025

Correspondence as of August 8, 2025

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**From:** [Spencer Horne](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 6, 2025 1:35:35 PM

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Hello, my name is Spencer Horne, and I'm a longtime resident of San Mateo county. I'm writing to ask that you expand funding for our public transportation services by signing onto SB 63.

Thank you,  
Spencer

**From:** [Chet Lexvold](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Join SB 63, pursue gross receipts tax for funding  
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Hello Board,

I'm Chet Lexvold, homeowner in San Mateo and frequent user of BART, Caltrain, and SamTrans. Please join SB 63 and pursue a gross receipts tax for regional transit funding to preserve (and hopefully one day expand) our public transit. Protecting and expanding public transit is absolutely vital to preserving our planet and ecological systems, and to providing safe, reliable, and efficient transit. Nothing is worse to me than sitting in my car in traffic. A reduction in public transit would seriously cause me to consider moving out of the Bay Area.

Also, please do not insist on any type of language that would give unilateral power to San Mateo County to potentially destabilize our regional transit systems. I have seen Diane Papan's op-ed and it is antithetical to the very notion of public transit, which must necessarily cross city, county, and state borders. We must work as equal partners with all governing bodies involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chet Lexvold  
San Mateo, CA 94401

**From:** [Irvin Dawid](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
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Hello,

I agree with the staff recommendation to join the measure and allow San Mateo voters to decide whether to tax ourselves to support the regional transit systems.

Sincerely,

Irvin Dawid  
615 Ansel Rd, #107  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
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**From:** [Billy James](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [board.secretary@vta.prg](mailto:board.secretary@vta.prg)  
**Subject:** Bay Area Transit  
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Dear friends,

Re: Bay Area Transit

I am a veteran, senior, a pedestrian in Redwood City with a VA appointment in Palo Alto. To get there, I take Samtrans to Caltrain RWC to VTA California Ave. Palo Alto to VA Foothill Ave.

Thank you for trying to make travel easier and more efficient for all concerned.

Billy James

Billy James 650-366-1017

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August 7, 2025

The Honorable Kevin Mullin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1404 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Mullin:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I am writing to thank you for submitting funding requests for numerous SamTrans and TA projects as part of the FY 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. We are grateful for your continued support of the transportation infrastructure in our region.

The **SamTrans Bus Stop Amenity Improvements Plan** will enhance the passenger experience systemwide by upgrading stops with shelters, seating, lighting, signage, and other critical features. These improvements are essential to making transit more accessible, equitable, and attractive to current and future riders.

We also appreciate your leadership in advancing five projects the TA is proud to support, each of which addresses challenges in our local transportation network:

- **The SR 84-US 101 Interchange Reimagined Project** in Redwood City: This project will redesign and modernize one of the most outdated and congested interchanges in the region. It aims to unlock access to housing and job centers, reduce travel delays, provide alternatives to driving, and create a safer gateway into downtown Redwood City.
- **The US 101-Holly Street Interchange & Overcrossing Project** in San Carlos: This project will modify the existing overcrossing to be truly multimodal. The project will improve traffic flow, reduce delays, and enhance safety and east-west connectivity for people driving, walking, and riding bikes alike.
- **Millbrae Trail to Bay Connections Project**: A bold step toward a more connected and bikeable community, this project will bridge the gap between downtown Millbrae and the Bay Trail, creating safer, greener travel options and opening up access to the Bayfront and regional transit.
- **The Huntington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project in San Bruno**: This project will make Huntington Avenue safer and more inviting for people walking and biking, with new paths, better lighting, and enhanced crossings. It will close gaps in the active transportation network, improve safety near schools and transit, and enhance mobility for residents and commuters alike.

Honorable Kevin Mullin

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- **The Broadway Grade Separation Project in Burlingame** – A high-impact safety and mobility project that will eliminate a dangerous at-grade rail crossing in a heavily trafficked corridor. By separating rail and vehicle traffic, this project will improve reliability for rail service, reduce local congestion, and pave the way for future transit growth.

Together, these projects represent meaningful progress toward a safer, more connected, and resilient transportation system. Your leadership and advocacy are instrumental in advancing these priorities, and we're grateful for your continued partnership. We look forward to working with you to move these important efforts forward.

Please contact Government Affairs Director, Jessica Epstein, at [EpsteinJ@samtrans.com](mailto:EpsteinJ@samtrans.com), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



April Chan

General Manager/CEO, Executive Director

CC: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors

San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors



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August 8, 2025

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555 County Center, 5th Floor  
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Re: SamTrans SB 63 Opt In Decision

Dear Honorable Members of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors and C/CAG Board of Directors:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), thank you for your correspondence last week regarding Senate Bill (SB) 63.

At its August 6, 2025 meeting, the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors voted to opt in to SB 63 with a ½ cent tax rate (8 ayes, 1 noes) in accordance with the following motion:

Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a ½ cent tax rate. Also, instruct the Bay Area delegation:

- (a) to advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and
- (b) there will be oversight and accountability measures to ensure San Mateo County has fair and meaningful representation in oversight and that the County benefits fairly from its attributions to SF Muni and BART, while
- (c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

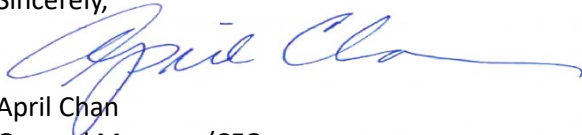
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The Board values your recommendations and appreciates your engagement.

Sincerely,



April Chan  
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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Gina Papan, Commissioner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
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